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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Curie, et al.)
Appln. No.: 09/901,427)
Filed: July 9, 2001)
For: Transparent Multilayer)
Polypropylene Container with Barrier)
Protection)
Examiner: K. Rice)
Group Art Unit: 3627)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. All references listed except FM, GS, GT and GV on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously identified in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/293,401 filed April 16, 1999, the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of all other references cited are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. A copy of only cited reference FM, GS, GT and GV are enclosed herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

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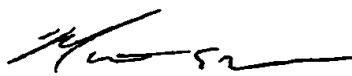
submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4).

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any reference or other art, including the disclosures of those references and other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

The citation of the above documents and other information is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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